IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF:

| Applicant: | Yoshinobu Kitajima et al. | |
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| For: | Method for Incubating Pleurotus nebrodensis and Disease Preventing/Treating Agents from Pleurotus nebrodensis | Customer No. *26694* 26694. PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE |
| Atty. Docket No. | 36427-199621 |)) |
| | | December 24 2003 |

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are needed to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor and any other fee deficiency are hereby authorized to be charged, any overpayments credited to, our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.